



## Tempe Art in Private Development



### Warner Village

1342 W. Warner Road

### David Brant

*Untitled, 2006*

Rusted steel, lighting

Artist Website:

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Photo: Robert Moore

**Description:** Brant has been inspired by both the agricultural setting that once attracted birds and the structures that once dotted such a setting. He is also motivated by God's word as spoken by his Son in Matthew 6: 25-27 wherein we are reminded not to worry and to look to the birds of the air for they neither sow nor reap nor store away in barns yet they are cared for and fed. The structures of this area once included barns, farm houses, coops, and silos. Using this as inspiration, Brant has created a series of abstract rusted steel bird houses in homage to the site's past. "The art is the place and the place is the art," he said. Additionally, eight abstracted rusted steel birds fly in a circle above a replicated remnant of fruit, seeds, and grasses. Lights illuminate each bird allowing this work to be appreciated even at night.

**Artist biography:** Since the 1970's, Brant has been designing and fabricating sculpture and architectural installation art throughout the western United States. He was formally educated in landscape architecture and trained in a variety of artistic arenas. For 20 years prior to the formation of the company IDEA, Brant held responsible positions with design firms throughout Phoenix and Southern California, and was a founding partner in a major southwest landscape architecture firm. Brant is responsible for all aspects of IDEA's projects, utilizing his award-winning experience in project theming and story rendition through landscape architecture, urban design, architecture, public art and graphic design.

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